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Amendment C under Rule 116

required by Applicant's claims (see page 6 of the Action, lines 17-18). The only suggestion of the input of a ^{image}digital signal comes from hindsight application of Applicant's invention to Kasahara et al.

Hashimoto does not supply the missing teachings. Hashimoto teaches an analog image signal only (FIG. 2). Thus, no combination of Kasahara et al. and Hashimoto can achieve or render obvious claim 1, nor any claims dependent therefrom.

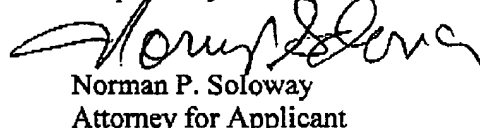
Turning to the rejection of dependent claims 4-7 and 11-14 under 35 USC §103 as obvious Kasahara et al. in view of Hashimoto in further view of Miller et al. (U.S. Patent 5,014,333), these claims are all directly or indirectly dependent on claim 1 and are patentable for the reasons adduced above, as well as for their own limitations.

The foregoing Amendment makes no claim changes as would require further search by the Examiner. Thus, entry of the foregoing Amendment and allowance of the Application are respectfully requested.

Having dealt with all the objections raised by the Examiner, the Application is believed to be in order for allowance.

In the event there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please charge them (or credit any overpayment) to our Deposit Account Number 08-1391.

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